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This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **September 28 – October 13**.

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COCA News and Announcements

Recent COCA Webinars/Calls:

How to Prevent and Control Pediatric Influenza

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2015

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2015/callinfo_100115.asp

The Role of Clinicians in Addressing the Opioid Overdose Epidemic

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2015

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2015/callinfo_092415.asp

Weathering the Storm — Understanding the Mental Health Impact of Hurricane Sandy

Date: Thursday, September 17, 2015

emergencylink.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2015/callinfo_091715.asp

Archived COCA conference calls are available at emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp.

Free continuing education credits (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, CECH, and AAVSB/RACE) are available for most calls. For more information about free CE, visit emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp

CDC Emergency Response – CDC Response to 2014 Ebola in the United States and West Africa

UPDATE: Case Counts

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/index.html>

CDC News and Announcements

NEW: Healthcare-associated Infections: Prevention Epicenters Program – (CDC)

CDC funded Prevention Epicenters are dedicated to advancing prevention research by working collaboratively with academic partners to create new knowledge that leads to the prevention of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) and other adverse health outcomes. In 2015, CDC expanded the program to include 11 Prevention Epicenters. This expansion was made possible by awarding \$11 million to six additional academic institutions to join the CDC Prevention Epicenters Program.

http://www.cdc.gov/hai/epiCenters/new_research.html

NEW: Updates & Improvements to the NCHHSTP Atlas – (CDC)

CDC's National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP) launched updates to the NCHHSTP Atlas--the one-stop shop for the most recent HIV, viral hepatitis, STD, and TB surveillance data. A new version of an advanced query function gives users the power to access 10+ years of data to compare two or more diseases, view data from multiple states and counties, probe two or more years of data at the same time, and drill deeper into the data for important subpopulations.

www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/atlas

CDC Science Clips: Volume 7, Issue: 40 – (CDC)

Each week select science clips are shared with the public health community to enhance awareness of emerging scientific knowledge. The focus is applied public health research and prevention science that has the capacity to improve health now.

www.cdc.gov/library/sciclips/issues/

Public Health Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness and Response – (CDC)

Find preparedness resources for all hazards.

emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp

Emergency Preparedness and Response Training Resources for Clinicians – (CDC)

Find online and in-person training resources at

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp

Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

Food and Water Needs: Preparing for a Disaster or Emergency – (CDC)

emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp

Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters – (CDC)

emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

MMWR publications are prepared by CDC. To electronically subscribe, go to

www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html

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- [Establishment of an Ebola Treatment Unit and Laboratory — Bombali District, Sierra Leone, July 2014–January 2015](#)
- [Update: Shortened Interval for Postvaccination Serologic Testing of Infants Born to Hepatitis B-Infected Mothers](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Severe Illness Associated with Reported Use of Synthetic Cannabinoids — Mississippi, April 2015](#)

- [Notes from the Field: Measles in a Patient with Presumed Immunity — Los Angeles County, 2015](#)

Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

Seasonal Influenza

What You Should Know for the 2015-2016 Influenza Season

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/upcoming.htm>

Information for Health Professionals

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/index.htm>

Weekly Flu View – October 3 (CDC)

Flu View is a weekly influenza surveillance report prepared by CDC's Influenza Division. All data are preliminary and may change as CDC receives more reports.

www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Planning and Preparedness: Health Professionals and Seasonal Flu – (HHS)

Healthcare providers play an important role during flu season. The following guidance and information will assist healthcare providers and service organizations to plan and respond to seasonal flu.

www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html

Travel Safety

Current Travel Warnings – October 9 (U.S. Department of State)

The U.S. Department of State issues Travel Warnings when long-term, protracted conditions make a country dangerous or unstable. Travel Warnings recommend that Americans avoid or carefully consider the risk of travel to that country. The State Department also issues Travel Warnings when the U.S. government's ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of State Department staff.

travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html

Food, Drug, and Device Safety

MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program – (FDA)

MedWatch is your Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gateway for clinically important safety information and reporting serious problems with human medical products.

www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm

FoodSafety.gov: Reports of FDA and USDA Food Recalls, Alerts, Reporting, and Resources – (HHS/USDA/FDA/CDC/NIH)

Foodsafety.gov lists notices of recalls and alerts from both FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Visitors to the site can report a problem or make inquiries.

www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html

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[Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity](#) – resources for health care providers

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[Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication Training](#) – training program that draws from lessons learned during public health emergencies, and incorporates best practices from the fields of risk and crisis communication

[Health Alert Network](#) – CDC's primary method of sharing cleared information about urgent public health incidents with public information officers; federal, state, territorial, and local public health practitioners; clinicians; and public health laboratories



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